

State of New Hampshire DEPARTMENT-OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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Stewartstown Board of Selectmen PO Box 119 West Stewartstown, NH 03597 WD WWEB/R 03-04 July 16, 2003

Subject:

Town of Stewartstown Septage Lagoons Back Pond Road, Stewartstown, NH Permit No. GWP 198905069-S-002

Dear Board Members:

On July 9, 2003, personnel from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) conducted a site inspection of the Town of Stewartstown's (Town's) septage lagoons located on Back Pond Road in Stewartstown, NH. The purpose of this inspection was to determine whether the Town was in compliance with RSA 485-A, Env-Ws 1600, *The Septage Management Rules*, and Permit No. GWP 198905069-S-002 relative to the operation of the Town's septage lagoons.

As a result of the inspection, the following deficiency was noted

1 The lagoons were not maintained to provide a minimum of 2 feet of freeboard

Env-Ws 1608.08(e)(2) requires all lagoons to be maintained to provide a minimum of 2 feet of freeboard at all times.

DES believes the cited deficiency can be corrected within 30 days and requests that the Town submit a report within 45 days of receipt of this letter that describes the corrective measures taken. In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may initiate formal actions against the Town, including issuing an order requiring the deficiency to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of civil and/or criminal penalties.

A written report as requested above should be addressed as follows:

Alexis Rastorguyeff, P.E. Residuals Management Section NHDES Water Division P.O. Box 95, 6 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03002-0095

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Alexis Rastorguyeff at 271-7888.

Sincerely,

Administrator

Wastewater Engineering Bureau